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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4521

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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SUBJECT: DAMAGE TO HHE SHIPMENT OF FSO W. NATHANIEL HOWELL, JR.

REF: BEIRUT 6596

1. THE HHE OF FSO W. NATHANIEL HOWELL, JR., SHIPPED TO BEIRUT FROM ABU DHABI UNDER T.A. 4-63843 DATED MAY 15, 1974, ARRIVED IN DAMAGED CONDITION DUE TO FAULTY PACKING ON PART ABU DHABI PACKING FIRM KANOO, AN AFFILIATE OF U.S. COMPANY COLUMBIA EXPORT PACKERS. DESPITE STATEMENT PROVIDED BY BEIRUT FIRM THAT THE EFFECTS WERE IMPROPERLY PACKED, THE KANOO CO. HAS SO FAR REFUSED TO MAKE GOOD FOR DAMAGES BEYOND NOMINAL "GOOD WILL" CONTRIBUTION OF \$250 FOR TOTAL DAMAGES OF \$1,115.17. FIRM'S CHECK IS BEING RETURNED AND EMBASSY ABU DHABI HAS AGAIN BEEN REQUESTED TO ENDEAVOR OBTAIN FULL SETTLEMENT FROM KANOO. DEPARTMENT MAY IN TURN WISH TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH COLUMBIA EXPORT PACKERS.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HOWELL'S DEPARTURE FROM ABU DHABI WAS WITH BUT FOUR DAYS'S NOTICE, AND THIS NECESSITATED LEAVING THE PACKING OPERATION TO HIS NON-ARABIC SPEAKING WIFE. ALSO, HURRIED DEPARTURE RESULTED IN HOWELL NOT TAKING OUT INSURANCE ON SHIPMENT. LASTLY, EMBASSY ABU DHABI WAS APPARENTLY UNABLE EXTEND MUCH ASSISTANCE TO MRS. HOWELL DUE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF NEW AMBASSADOR. IN OTHER WORDS, A SHARE OF THE BLAME FOR THE DAMAGED HHE WOULD SEEM TO REST WITH USG AS WELL AS WITH PACKING FIRM KANOO.

3. FORMS DS-1620 HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY MR. HOWELL FOR

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PRESENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD EMBASSY ABU DHABI BE

UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING FULL SETTLEMENT FROM PACKING FIRM. IF
THIS BECOMES NECESSARY, THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC
CONSIDERATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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